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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED] X1A

TOPIC Schoenwalde Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. Eight twin-engine planes with double rudder assemblies and 50 to 60 single-engine ground attack aircraft were seen at the Schoenwalde (N 53° 4' 66) airfield on 19 September 1950. (1) More planes were possibly in the hangars. All ground attack aircraft had a single-strut landing gear and a directional loop antenna in front of the rudder assembly. The aircraft parked in the southern rows had no markings on their rudder assemblies but numbers on their fuselages. Narrow blue stripes were on the leading edge of the rudder assemblies of some planes which were parked farther to the north. (2)
2. Some ground attack aircraft made local flights until 5:30 p.m. It was raining slightly but cleared up later. The only marking on the planes were numbers on the fuselage or the rudder assembly. Some of the planes had a long cockpit fairing into the fuselage to the rear and without weapons. Others had the standard cockpit of the IL-10 plane with a weapon. (3)

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3. Several Soviet Army motor vehicles and [REDACTED] entered the area of the field. Two AA guns were emplaced on the northwestern edge of the field. From an elevated point it was seen that there was a firm runway on the eastern edge of the landing field and that a taxiway connected the northern end of the runway with the hangars. (4) Large piles of new bricks were in the yard of the barracks. Since some of the garages were not used it was assumed that they were to be repaired.

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Comments.

- (1) The number of ground attack aircraft approximately agrees with the observation on 3 September 1950 by another source. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] one ground attack regiment and one reconnaissance regiment, equipped with twin-engine PE-2s and TU-2s, are stationed at the field. Since the arrival of a new ground attack unit has not been observed it is believed that all ground

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attack aircraft are assigned to one ground attack regiment. It was observed in Doeberitz also that each of the two ground attack regiments was equipped with 55 to 60 ground attack planes. It is not known whether the T/E strength has been increased or whether the ground attack regiments have been additionally equipped with training aircraft.

- (2) The marking on the rudder assembly was previously observed on the aircraft stationed in Schoenwalde. See [REDACTED]
- (3) The types of the two aircraft cannot be identified from the description.
- (4) The course of the runway and the taxiway is correct.

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